

CHAPTER NO. 98
SENATE BILL NO. 1615

By Haun, McNally

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1131

By Westmoreland, Ford

AN ACT..... To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapters 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-111(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) In order to facilitate efficient and uniform enforcement of chapters 1 - 6 of this title, motor vehicles, excepting such motor vehicles as are constructed for the purpose of transporting tangible personal property or other property, and passenger motor vehicles operating for hire, are hereby classified and the respective registration taxes imposed are fixed as follows:

Class (A) Motorcycles or autocycles --- registration
fee.....\$11.75

Class (B) Passenger motor vehicle and motor
home ---
registration fee..... 18.75

Class (C) Antique vehicles --- registration fee25.00

Class (D)(1) Privately owned trailers and trailers
held for public rental, not exceeding eight feet (8')
in width and less than twenty feet (20') in length,
exclusive of the tongue, and all trailers which are
limited to vacationing and camping purposes,
unless otherwise exempted in this section---
registration fee..... 9.50

(2) Mobile home or house trailers, whether
privately owned or held for public rental, the chassis and
exterior shell of which are designed and constructed for
occupancy, but with dimensions not exceeding eight feet
(8') in width --- registration fee 19.00

(3) Mobile home or house trailer, whether privately
owned or held for public rental, the chassis and exterior
shell of which is designed and constructed for occupancy,
but with dimensions exceeding eight feet (8') ---
registration fee..... 31.00

Class (E) Private Buses (not for hire) --- In the case of buses or motor driven coaches utilized exclusively for transporting either the owner or persons associated with the owner in a trade, business or vocation, or both of them, together with personalty constituting the tools of such trade, business or vocation, between places where such trade, business or vocation may be carried on, and not used to transport persons or property for hire --- registration fee.....181.00

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-111(e), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language “§55-4-111(a)(1)(E)” and substituting instead the language “§55-4-111(a)(1)(C)”.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-112, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The registration fees for private and commercial motor vehicles operating for hire who transport passengers shall be as follows:

(1) Motor vehicles with not more than seven (7) seats
for passengers\$33.75

(2) Motor vehicles with over seven (7) seats and not more than fifteen (15) seats for passengers 78.75

(3) Motor vehicles with over fifteen (15) seats and not more than twenty-five (25) seats for passengers138.75

(4) Motor vehicles with over twenty-five (25) seats and not more than thirty-five (35) seats for passengers213.75

(5) Motor vehicles with over thirty-five (35) seats for passengers.....288.75

(b) Where any route over which such vehicle is operated is exclusively within the limits of a municipality of the state, or where such route is partially within and partially without the limits of a municipality of the state, but does not extend more than fifteen (15) miles beyond such municipal limits, or where such route is wholly within the

limits of a metropolitan government created under Title VII, Chapter 1, the fees shall be in addition to the registration fees set out in §55-4-111 for passenger motor vehicles, fifty cents (.50) for each passenger seat, with a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for any single vehicle. The applicant must submit an affidavit confirming the route mileage and seating capacity of any vehicle registering under this provision.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-113(a)(1), is amended by adding the words “and Public Household Goods Carriers” between the word “Carriers” and the punctuation “,”.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-113(a)(1)(C)(i), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-113(a)(1)(C)(ii), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-113(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-113(a)(4), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(D) Truck tractors used exclusively to pull lowboy-type trailers on which are transported machinery that is used only for agricultural purposes, such as, but not limited to, terracing, clearing land, and building ponds, levees, ditches and/or canals; and trucks on which are mounted lime or fertilizer spreaders may register in this category under the appropriate weight class. The use of the highways by these limited use motor vehicles registered in this class is restricted to that which is incidental to the movement of such designated machinery from farm to farm and any volume and unpackaged lime and fertilizer from the distribution point to the farm.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-113(a)(8), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

(K) When a freight motor vehicle is registered under §55-4-113(a)(4)(A), as a combined farm and limited private use truck and being operated commercially or as a commercial vehicle and is found in operation in violation of such section, the owner shall be subject to assessment of a penalty by the department, which shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of such commercial license fee for the full year with no credit or rebate for any portion of the year in which a license is unused.

(L) Such penalties provided for in this subdivision, shall be waived upon submission within thirty (30) days to

the commissioner, of proof that the vehicle has been properly registered in the appropriate classification.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-6-103(c), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-221(b)(1), is amended by deleting the word "automobile" in the first sentence and substituting instead the word "vehicle".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-221(b)(4), is amended by deleting the word "automobile" and substituting instead the word "vehicle".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

_____ (a) Whenever any person after applying for or receiving a title or registration, moves from the address named in such application or title or registration, or when the name of an applicant is changed for any reason, such person shall within ten (10) days thereafter, notify the department of the change or changes.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect January 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it. It is the intent of this act that any registration issued prior to the enactment of this act, shall remain valid until its expiration.

PASSED: March 25, 1999


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of April
1999.


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